(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Rubber is not considered a forestery species under the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act.

**World Bank**

4239. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether many States in the country are defaulter of the World Bank as per the research report of Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of States and amount of default ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Production of Coco**

4240. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of coco in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce any comprehensive plans for enhancing and production of coco in Kerala; and

(c) if so the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The total state-wise production of coco has been as under :-

Production of tonnes

| S.No. | State | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kerala | 5323 | 5262 | 4291 |
| 2 | Karnataka | 1464 | 1397 | 1422 |
| 3. | Tamil Nadu | 34 | 42 | – |
| | Total | 6821 | 6701 | 5713 |

(b) and (c) For enhaning production and productivity of coco in the country, a comprehensive Central Sector Scheme for Development of Coco in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh is being implemented during the 8th plan period with an outlay of Rs. 3.00 crores. Under this scheme, the following programmes are being implemented in Keraia during 8th Plan with an outlay of Rs. 1.22 crores :-

(i) Establishment and maintenance of demonstration plots to encourage scientific manuring and plant protection;

(ii) Assistance for setting up of irrigation units;

(iii) Establishment of demonstration plots of high yielding clones in farmers fields;

(iv) Production and distribution of coco grafts;

(v) Rejuvenation of unproductive coco gardens; and

(vi) Financial assistance to coco producers for organising marketing and processing of cocoa beans.

**SC/ST Employees of I.T.P.O.**

4241. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint has been received by India Trade Promotion Organisation, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, regarding violation of procedure for maintenance of roster and fixation of seniority of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Complaints have been received relating to violation of procedure for maintenance of roster, irregularities in appointment of SC/ST candidates and promotion of SC/ST employees and non-submission of the report of the consultant appointed to look into the problems of SC/ ST employees in ITPO.

(c) The Government has asked the ITPO to look into the allegations sensed in the complaints ITPO has replied as follows :

(i) The appointments that the reservation rosters are not maintained is not true.

(ii) The appointments in ITPO are made under the provisions of prescribed recruitment rules with due regard to the recruitment policy of the Government for SC & ST categories and availability of suitable candidates.

(iii) The seniority of employees of various categories including SC/ST employees has been fixed as